

1 | *United States v. Angelone*, 894 F.2d 1129, 1130 (9th Cir. 1990); *Weygandt v. Look*, 718 F.2d 952,
2 | 954 (9th Cir. 1983); Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts
3 | 6(a) and 8(c). The Court also may appoint counsel “at any stage of the case if the interest of
4 | justice so require.” *Weygandt*, 718 F.2d at 754. In deciding whether to appoint counsel,
5 | however, the Court “must evaluate the likelihood of success on the merits as well as the ability of
6 | the petitioner to articulate his claims pro se in light of the complexity of the legal issues
7 | involved.” *Id.* Petitioner has demonstrated an ability to articulate his claims in his petition for
8 | writ of habeas corpus.

9 | Additionally, the Court does not find good cause for granting leave to conduct discovery
10 | and has not determined that an evidentiary hearing will be required. *See* Rules Governing
11 | Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts 6(a) and 8(c). Moreover, in determining
12 | whether relief is available to Petitioner under 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d)(1), the Court’s review is
13 | limited to the record before the state court. *Cullen v. Pinholster*, ---U.S.---, 131 S.Ct. 1388
14 | (2011).

15 | Accordingly, Petitioner’s motion for the appointment of counsel (Dkt. 11) is **DENIED**.

16 | The Clerk shall send a copy of this Order to Petitioner and counsel for Respondent.

17 | DATED this 29th day of April, 2014.

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20 | United States Magistrate Judge